

Arlington Redevelopment Board
September 26, 2016 Minutes
Town Hall Annex, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall – 7:30pm

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PRESENT: Andrew Bunnell (Chair), Kin Lau, Mike Cayer, Andrew West

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Laura Wiener

GUESTS: Linda Shoemaker, Executive Director, ACA, Patrick Guthrie, Board of Directors and Architect, ACA, Lisa Pedula, Fundraising Consultant for ACA, Jennifer Toole

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm and turned to the first agenda item, Arlington Center for the Arts (ACA) fundraising update per Memorandum of Understanding with ARB. Linda Shoemaker, Executive Director for ACA updated the Board on private fundraising progress and shared plans and projections for the public fundraising phase. She further stated that a grant opportunity from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was identified and with assistance from Jennifer Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development, an application will be submitted. The Board thanked ACA for their update.

Mr. Bunnell moved to the next item on the agenda, Appointment to Vision 2020 Standing Committee. Jennifer Raitt introduced Jennifer Toole and sought approval from the Board to appoint Ms. Toole as Planning and Community Development's three-year designee. Mr. Cayer moved to appoint Ms. Toole as designee, Mr. West seconded. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Bunnell moved to the next item of on the Agenda, Arlington Land Realty, LLC, Application for Comprehensive Permit for Thorndike Place, A Proposed Residential Housing Community – comment letter to Zoning Board of Appeals. Laura Wiener summarized the comments that the Department received from a handful of other town departments, boards, and committees as well as outlined the 40B process. After review and discussion of the 40B project known as Thorndike Place, the Board member's recommendations included, Wetland Impact, Restoration, and Access, Traffic, Circulation, and Access, Design, and Affordable Housing. Mr. Bunnell opened the floor for public comment.

Bethanne Freedman of Hazel Terrace expressed concern about traffic flow. Jennifer Griffith of 4 Edith Street shared her concerns about the additional traffic and the impact on safety. Steve Revelik of 111 Sunnyside Ave. expressed concerns about flood mitigation. Mr. Bunnell closed public comment and assured that the comments would be considered. Jennifer Raitt discussed the process to revise the draft letter to the ZBA. The letter will be sent to the ZBA for their initial public hearing on the project on August 27th.

Mr. Bunnell moved to the next item on the agenda, Director's Report. Jennifer Raitt reported that the first round of interviews for the Economic Development Coordinator was completed and that finalists were scheduled to interview on October 6th. She further stated that second interviews for the Community Development Block Grant Administrator were scheduled for Thursday. Ms. Raitt informed the Board that Cori Beckwith, Conservation Administrator, has resigned and anticipated a job posting by the end of the week. Project updates for Mass Ave Phase II were shared including an overall plan from Pond Lane to Mill Street as well as final concepts for key locations along the corridor. Upcoming meeting and event dates were shared.

Mr. Cayer moved to approve the minutes from August 22, 2016. Mr. Lau seconded. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Cayer moved to adjourn. Mr. Lau seconded. All in favor (4-0).